

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the instant application. Applicant has canceled claim 21 without prejudice. Applicant intends to further prosecute independent claim 21 in a subsequent continuation application. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-20 and 22-30.

CONCLUSION

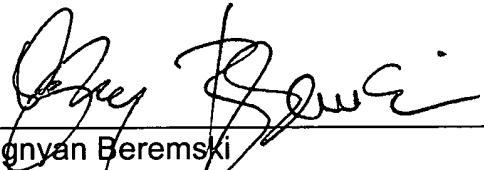
Based on at least the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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